THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There was spillage of High Speed Diesel from barge "Prem Tista" chartered by Indian Oil Corporation at Barge Jetty No. 1 during the early hours of 31.5.96. Loading of petroleum products at the existing two barge jetties of Haldia Dock Complex is controlled and operated by Indian Oil Corporation (Marketing Division).

(c) No such inquiry was conducted by the Government.

(d) Indian Oil Corporation which is controlling the entire operations at the barge jetty has taken steps for monitoring the loading operations closely from shore to the barge and is also training the personnel undertaking the barge operations.

बजौरा और भुन्तर के बीच राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग 21 पर सरकारी जमीन पर नाजायज कब्जे

1109. श्री महेश्वर सिंह: क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि कुछ लोगों ने हिमाचल प्रदेश के कुल्लू जिले में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग-21 पर बजौरा और भुन्तर के बीच सरकार द्वारा अधिगृहीत भूमि पर नाजायज कब्जे कर लिए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे व्यक्तियों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं और कब से उन्होंने नाजायज कब्जे कर रखे हैं; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी.जी. वेंकटरामन): (क) सरकार की जानकारी में ऐसा कोई मामला नहीं है। (ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Modernisation of Telecommunication Network in Orissa

1110. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for the modernisation and expansion of telecommunication network in Orissa during 8th Five Year Plan so far;

(b) the target set in that regard for 8th Five Year Plan; and

(c) the details of the programme proposed for the expansion and modernisation of telecommunication network in that State during the remaining period of 8th Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) The targets set for modernisation and expansion of telecom network in Orissa during 8th Five Year Plan (1992—97) as under:—

Achieve fully automatic network by March'94 by replacing all manual exchanges.

Replace life expired and wornout switches as and when their life expires.

Replace all Strowger MAX. III exchanges by electronic exchanges.

Replace all line finder type MAX. II exchange by electronic exchanges.

Replace all life expired and unserviceable transmission systems by digital systems.

Computerise manual trunk services in Cuttack (which is one of the 14 identified locations in India).

Provide a total of 48,9000 telephone connections with net switching capacity addition of 61,574 lines.

The major steps taken during the 8th Five Year Plan for the modernisation and expansion of telecom network in Orissa are as under:

(i) The telephone exchange network has been made full automatic.

(ii) Old life expired electromechanical MAX. I exchanges at cities like Bhubaneswar, Rourkela, Berhampur, Puri and Balasore have been replaced by electronic exchanges.

(iii) 237 small and medium electromechanical exchanges have been converted to electronic type and no